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King: White House backs down on anti-terror funding cuts

Washington, D.C. (Friday, January 18, 2008)—U.S. Rep. Peter T. King (R-NY), Ranking Member of the Committee on Homeland Security, announced today that the White House is backing down on its December proposal to cut anti-terror funding by \$2.5 billion.

A White House Budget memo obtained by the press in December proposed cutting all major national anti-terror funding programs to \$1.4 billion, down from \$3.9 billion appropriated by Congress last year. Congressman King immediately fought back against the proposed cut, and the issue received substantial attention in December. Today, the White House is abandoning its earlier proposal, conceding they will recommend \$2.2 billion in funding for the coming year.

“This is a big victory and an important step in the right direction, but still not what we need,” King said. “We’re going to continue the fight to ensure New York City gets the anti-terror funding it deserves.”

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